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## News Recap & Peak Into The Week

-Dec. 1, 2025-

### **Saving Pictures with Special Meaning...**

The small needlepoint picture hangs on her bedroom wall. Though she wishes she could take credit for the handiwork, it was her mother who finished it after this 10-year-old daughter lost patience and interest.

Whether sewing, crochet or other needlework, she realized long ago none of the crafts were for her. While she could spend countless hours in a darkroom perfecting photographic prints, the thought of threading needles or creating tiny knots and stitches made her steer clear of those projects.

She always admired her mother's deep well of patience, artistic talent and perfectionism that made it possible for her to work on paintings and fine crafts for hours on end. Yet in her final year of life, the painting she had begun as a gift to her daughter now sits unfinished on a bookshelf. Her mother felt badly that her failing health kept her from completing the piece, but for her daughter, there is a strange sense of comfort in that incompleteness.

Seeing the painting every day has helped her accept that even the most patient people can leave some things unfinished. And passing by the piece is also reassuring since the empty spaces let her imagine how her mother might still be working on it today -- a quiet reminder that not everything needs to be fully completed to hold meaning.

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### ***The Week Ahead...***

**Monday, Dec. 1 -- Transfer Station and Recycling Committee**, 6:30 p.m. -- School initiatives; January 10 volunteer fair; Transfer Station donation trailer and plastic recycling signage/initiative; game and puzzle exchange at library (Dec. 14); updates on various collections (past -- string lights, textiles, and upcoming -- household goods, string lights -- Dec. 13); revolving fund and recycling dividends fund; community outreach & communications; and strategic goals to submit to Select Board.

**Monday, Dec. 1 -- Planning Board**, 7:30 p.m. -- Key topics: Discussion of proposed new bylaw to create a Mixed-Use Overlay District; 30 Pound St. Rosebay 40B; and liaison reports/informational items, as needed.

**Tuesday, Dec. 2 -- Medfield Housing Authority Board of Commissioners**, 2:30 p.m. -- Key topic: Executive session to discuss Open Meeting Law complaint.

**Tuesday, Dec. 2 -- 375th Celebration Parade Committee**, 4:30 p.m. -- Key topics: fundraising, Holiday Stroll planning, and general updates.

[Tuesday, Dec. 2 -- Board of Health](#), 5 p.m. -- Stormwater/drainage compliance review for proposed Chase Bank project, 230 Main St.; Rosebay 40B, 30 Pound St., Comprehensive Permit waiver request review; resident outreach/public health and safety inquiry; tobacco regulations -- plan for public hearing; and updates on Sustainable Medfield and Charles River Health District.

[Tuesday, Dec. 2 -- Select Board, Warrant Committee, School Committee](#), 6 p.m. -- Key topics:

- \* 6 p.m. -- **Tax Classification Hearing** with Principal Assessor;
- \* Use of nearly \$35,298 in **unused borrowed funds** for fire engine, town garage and sidewalk tractor **for existing debt-service obligations**, as recommended by Treasurer/Collector;
- \* 7 p.m. -- **Joint Select Board/School Committee/Warrant Committee workshop** on the fiscal-year 2027 financial forecast and fiscal challenges (**with public input allowed**);
- \* **Pending legal agreement** between the town and owners of 6 Grist Mill Rd. (regarding private property behind Kingsbury Pond Grist Mill);
- \* Appointment of **Sean Tiernan** as associate **Planning Board** member, and **Rich Ryder** as member of **Council on Aging Board**;
- \* **Select Board feedback** to Zoning Board regarding **Rosebay 40B project** at 30 Pound St.;
- \* Vote to **open 2026 annual town meeting warrant** to accept articles (with closing on Jan. 13, 2026);
- \* Sign request for 2026 Medfield Volunteer Fair, Jan. 10, 2026;
- \* **Town administrator updates** and **Select Board member reports**; and
- \* Informational item -- Xfinity price changes.

\*\*\* [Meeting packet available here](#) \*\*\*

[Tuesday, Dec. 2 -- Board of Assessors](#), 6 p.m. -- Key topics: **Joint meeting with Select Board for public hearing on tax rate classification**. After hearing, **move to Room #117** at Medfield High School for regular meeting to discuss and approve fiscal-year 2026 final tax-rate documents for submission to Department of Revenue. **Executive session** to follow to discuss non-public records for fiscal-year 2026 motor vehicle abatements/exemptions/ commitments, real estate exemptions and senior tax work-off exemptions.

[Wednesday, Dec. 3 -- Council on Aging Board](#), 9:30 a.m. -- Key topics: **Garage project update**; building-use agreements; director updates; and staff reports (outreach, volunteers/programs, transportation and respite care program).

[Wednesday, Dec. 3 -- School Building Committee](#), 7 p.m. -- Key topics: Follow up on recent MSBA meeting regarding design enrollment for 460 students; preparation for upcoming Dec. 12 MSBA Board of Directors meeting; town goals discussion (follow up to

Select Board Nov. 18 meeting); process for hiring an OPM (Owner's Project Manager); and Communications Subcommittee update.

**Thursday, Dec. 4 -- Zoning Board of Appeals**, 6 p.m. -- Key topic: Public hearing on the proposed Rosebay 40B project at 30 Pound St. (adjacent to Tilden Village) based on an application for a Comprehensive Permit to allow construction of 45 age-restricted affordable rental units on the vacant lot. \*\*\*[Meeting materials available here.](#)\*\*\*

**Thursday, Dec. 4 -- Conservation Commission**, 7 p.m. -- Key topics: *Agenda not available at time of writing.* Likely topics include: 42 Elm St. request for Certificate of Compliance, 86 Plain St. 40B test pit approval request for rain garden, and rail trail beaver-deterrent violation.

**Thursday, Dec. 4 -- Affordable Housing Trust**, 7:30 p.m. -- Key topics: *Agenda not available at time of writing.*

**Friday, Dec. 5 -- Wayfinding Committee**, 11 a.m. -- Key topics: Committee discussion/feedback on Selbert Perkins Design revised design and plan recommended for downtown wayfinding project.

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*Remove veterans' bench, enforce no-trespass...*

## **Select Board Discloses Pending 6 Grist Mill Rd. Legal Agreement**

At the **upcoming Dec. 2 Select Board meeting**, members plan to "report out" and possibly vote to accept a [pending agreement between the town and owners of 6 Grist Mill Rd.](#), whose private property includes a finger of land that extends directly behind the **historic town-owned grist mill** and along **Kingsbury Pond**.

Until the property changed hands in 2018, many community members were unaware that the town did not own the site in question.

The pending agreement with Tom and Julia Courtney, who reside at 6 Grist Mill Rd., makes numerous stipulations clear, including removal of a veterans' memorial bench -- the product of a **2017 Eagle Scout project**. The agreement also seeks town enforcement of a no-trespassing order to keep members of the public from accessing Kingsbury Pond via the Courtney property.

**Grist Mill Road neighbors** say they have legal rights to access 6 Grist Mill Rd. near the pond but have been kept in the dark about the pending agreement.

"It's very frustrating to me that we did not know (about the agreement) until literally a day before Thanksgiving," said Leila Hooshmand, whose family has lived at 8 Grist Mill Rd. for nearly 30 years. "Those of us affected have not had a chance to get **proper legal counsel** as it pertains to our rights."

When developer Ralph Costello created the **Grist Mill Road** and **Preservation Way** subdivisions in the early 1990s, residents of both neighborhoods were granted access to the 6 Grist Mill Rd. parcel along Kingsbury Pond through a [Conservation Easement](#) and [Preservation Trail Easement](#).

At the Sept. 17, 2024 Select Board meeting, when the Courtneys' plan to install a **15-foot-wide gate** on the family's property behind Kingsbury Pond Grist Mill was discussed at length, residents directly affected spoke up in opposition. Among those who provided input was Lisa Nichols of Preservation Way.

"When this topic came about, it made me sad," said Nichols, who noted she has a lot of friends whose kids play hockey on the pond. "And all winter long, I see people fishing and

ice skating. That easement to us is valuable. The gate makes it feel like our privilege is being taken away."

After reviewing various decades-old documents, Town Counsel Mark Cerel noted the town had failed to take official action -- either through a board of selectmen or town meeting vote -- to accept the Conservation Easement. The board approved the Conservation Easement on **March 18, 2025**.

John Roddy, an attorney and Medfield resident for nearly 20 years before selling his home at 6 Grist Mill Rd. in 2018 to the Courtneys, was interviewed for this article. After reviewing the newly released 2025 agreement and Sept. 17, 2024 meeting recording, he observed that it seemed the **Preservation Trail Easement** may have been overlooked, and he expressed concerns about homeowners not being consulted before action was taken.

During public hearings regarding the gate -- a project ultimately approved to move forward in 2024 -- Tom Courtney shared his only intent was to prevent late-night parties on his property, **not to stop public use of the pond** -- something he said he enjoyed observing. Select Board member Gus Murby recounted a similar belief about Courtney's intent at the 2024 meeting.

Today, multiple "no trespassing" signs appear on the site blocking much of the historic public access to the pond for recreational use and prohibiting access to the memorial bench. A demand to remove the bench is now evident in the agreement. It also appears that in recent months Courtney elevated his stance with threatened or actual litigation against the town, with the agreement alluding to his willingness to drop pursuit of state environmental enforcement as part of negotiations.

Roddy confirmed that he gave **permission to the Eagle Scouts** to clean up his land near the pond which had become overgrown with weeds, and for the installation of the veterans' memorial bench. The **bench dedication ceremony** with town officials, religious leaders and family members of veterans being honored was captured [in this Medfield TV video](#) (image shown), plus this [2017 Patch article](#).

"The Scouts' project increased the value of my property. I just don't understand why anyone would want to remove these improvements," said Roddy.

At some point, the Select Board changed its stance from a year ago, which is now reflected in the pending agreement to be discussed at the **Dec. 2 meeting**.

(The meeting begins at 6 p.m. but other topics will be covered first until the Select Board reaches the Grist Mill Road agenda item, with 7:30 p.m. estimated to be the earliest start time. The meeting will be held via Zoom and in person at the Medfield High School library -- not at the Town House.)

*Disclosure: This writer's husband is a member of Kingsbury Pond Grist Mill Committee.*

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## **Bike/Road Accidents Raise Safety Concerns**

At around 7:40 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 24, a Dale Street student was hit by a car while biking to school.

The mother reported her son was crossing Green Street by the retail plaza where Takara restaurant is located when a car turning onto Green from North Street struck him.

In a social media post, the mother noted, "The driver watched my child get up off the ground and then drove away without stopping to check on him. Thankfully, he's okay, but I'm posting in hopes that someone else may have witnessed this and can provide any additional details about the car or the driver."

Medfield Deputy Police Chief Barry McGrath reaffirmed the mother's post by stating he is seeking information from anyone who may have seen the accident. The only details gathered as of this writing are these points:

- \* Car that hit the boy was a silver sedan, and
- \* Driver was an older bald male.

Officers have reached out to residents and businesses near the Green Street/North Street intersection to see if any video footage exists that may help the police investigation.

Anyone with information is encouraged to [contact McGrath via e-mail](#).

In the meantime, [this Medfield Police Department statement with safety reminders was also provided](#).

### Other Accidents Spur Questions

In the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, the **North Meadows Road** and **West Street** intersection was the site of multiple accidents, numerous traffic citations and other traffic enforcement.

The latest accident at the intersection took place **midday on Nov. 27** involving two cars requiring both police and fire responses. A witness noted both cars sustained **significant damage**, but it appeared all passengers were not severely injured.

Reoccurring accidents in the same North Meadows Road/West Street location are prompting community members to ask about the **status of the proposed roundabout**, which has been delayed due to a change in procurement guidelines requiring a new bid solicitation for design services. **Those bids are due today, Monday, Dec. 1.**

Elsewhere in town, police and multiple fire departments responded to a **major accident at 628 Main Street**, near Vine Lake Cemetery, that shut down Route 109 for some time in the middle of the day on Nov. 20. Multiple vehicles were involved and injuries reported. Police records indicate a Mini Cooper had been traveling well above the speed limit, had crossed the double yellow line, hit the taxi cab, then crashed into a stone wall. The driver was cited for "Operating to Endanger."

On a related note, [draft minutes from the Oct. 27 Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee](#) were shared providing insight into resident feedback. According to Police Chief Michelle Guerette, "The committee meets whenever a sufficient number of requests, complaints or concerns have been submitted by residents." They can be [sent to the chief via e-mail](#).

### Medfield Community Electricity Touts Savings as Rates Rise

As *Bloomberg News* and *The Boston Globe* recently reported, electrical power prices have risen steadily over the past five years, reaching an average national retail price of 18.07 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) in September.

Here in town, however, the Medfield Community Electricity (MCE) program has helped restrain rising costs for participants -- a benefit guaranteed through at least December 2026.

During a recent [Select Board presentation](#), Bob Winograd, a member of both the Medfield Energy Committee and Community Choice Aggregation Committee, highlighted one of the program's key advantages: 30 months of price stability that began July 1, 2024.

As of June 2025, Eversource Basic residential service was priced at 14.884 cents per kWh, Winograd reported. By comparison:

- \* Participants in the Medfield Basic MCE option saved about \$206 with the program's fixed rate of 12.650 cents per kWh;
- \* Medfield Standard subscribers saved about \$167 at 13.063 cents per kWh; and
- \* Medfield 100 subscribers saved about \$68 at 14.108 cents per kWh.

(Eversource rates are fixed for six months; MCE rates are fixed for 30 months.)

Regardless of whether residents use MCE, Eversource, or another supplier, all residential electricity options must meet the state's minimum requirements for renewable energy to help combat climate change. Within MCE, two plans exceed those requirements while still offering savings -- the Medfield Standard option (10% additional renewable content) and the Medfield 100 option (100% renewable).

As of July 2025, Winograd reported that 73 percent of Medfield electricity customers -- 3,756 subscribers -- were enrolled in the MCE program.

The town's current agreement with supplier Direct Energy Services runs through December 2026. Winograd said a new bidding process will begin in spring 2026 with support from consultant Good Energy.

While the hope is that MCE savings will continue regardless of supplier, he emphasized that no savings can be guaranteed beyond the current Eversource Basic Service term (Aug. 1, 2025 to Jan. 31, 2026), since future six-month rates are unknown.

Medfield residents may **enroll, switch plans, or leave MCE at any time** without penalty using the links below. Subscribers can also receive heat pump or solar benefits while enrolled. The Medfield Energy Committee is planning one or more information sessions in the weeks ahead on [heat pump rebates](#).

[Click here to newly enroll in MEC or change plans](#)

[Click here to leave MCE](#)

[Additional MEC resources are available here.](#)

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## Medfield Fire Dept. Issues Oil Leak-Safety Reminder

*As a follow up to last week's Medfield Insider article regarding a oil leak at an Elm Street residence, Medfield Fire Department has issued this public service message:*

Recent events in the news and right here in Medfield show the importance of having **old fuel-oil tanks removed and inspected by your fire department** -- not just for convenience or aesthetics, but for safety. In Malden, a delivery driver pumped nearly 400 gallons of heating oil into a home's basement -- only to discover the house no longer had an oil tank.

When an unused tank is removed, the fill pipe or delivery line should be properly removed by an authorized removal company and then inspected by the fire department. If not, a well-intentioned delivery can turn into a catastrophe -- with oil flooding basements, triggering hazardous-materials responses, displacing families, and creating major cleanup and restoration burdens.

But it's not just about spills. **Older tanks can corrode or leak over time**, as happened right here in Medfield. This corrosion can cause the tank to leak into your home or into the ground, causing **environmental and health hazards**.

Additional tips:

- \* If you've had a fuel-oil tank in the past, ensure a **licensed professional** removed it properly (pumping out residual oil, excavating or decommissioning, checking/purging fill lines).
- \* Get an official inspection and clearance from your **local fire department**. This helps confirm that the property is safe, sealed, and no longer a hazard to occupants or neighbors.
- \* **Update your home records/insurance** and notify any delivery services of the tank's removal -- to avoid "wrong house with a fill pipe" mistakes.

- \* Check with your **homeowners' insurance** to see if a spill is covered by your policy.
- \* Stay safe out there -- consider checking on those old oil tanks **before winter**.

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### *News Briefs & Reminders...*

- \* The latest [Town Administrator Update](#) with October highlights has been published. The issue includes **pumpkin decorating** contest results, a board and committee **recognition night recap**, **Citizen Academy** highlights, Medfield **AAA Traffic Safety and hero recognition**, School Building Committee report, Planning Board and Affordable Housing Trust recruitment efforts, and a reminder regarding the Tuesday, **Dec. 2 tax classification hearing** at the start of Select Board meeting. This hearing is to determine if all five classes of property in town should be taxed at the same rate or different rates for fiscal-year 2026.
- \* The **375th Anniversary Parade and Celebration Committee** continues planning for the big event on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026. Last week it [released this newsletter](#) with an update. Among the highlights: the committee will have a presence at the **Holiday Stroll on Friday, Dec. 5** during which it will be selling commemorative car magnets. Donations to defray the cost of activities are also welcome via the [committee website](#).
- \* With some boards and committees still gathering input on [strategic town goals](#) to share with Select Board, a decision was made to extend the public comment period until early December, and **vote to approve town goals at the Dec. 16 Select Board meeting**. [Additional information is available here](#).
- \* The Medfield State Hospital (MSH) clean-up and redevelopment project has received its [letter of compliance with Massachusetts Environment Policy Act \(MEPA\)](#) and related regulations. The Oct. 17, 2025 report, recently posted to the state website, includes letters submitted to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. **Charles River Watershed Association** is among the entities that submitted a letter expressing support for the overall project, but also some concerns. CRWA noted the need to address water contamination from **PFAS and lead**, as well as the need for **protection and enhancement of the tree canopy** at the former MSH site.
- \* As a reminder, Town Clerk Marion Bonoldi has [announced that nomination papers for the 2026 town election](#) will be available beginning **Dec. 14** and must be returned by **5 p.m. on Feb. 2, 2026**. [This list also supplements town clerk information](#) with names of citizens currently serving on boards or committees who are up for re-election if they choose to run again.

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### *Further Ahead...*

*(Dates/topics based on [town calendar](#), public hearing notices or prior meeting discussions; all subject to change)*

#### **Wednesday, Dec. 10**

- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Medfield Energy Committee

#### **Monday, Dec. 15**

- Planning Board

#### **Tuesday, Dec. 16**

- Board of Water & Sewerage
- Select Board (strategic town goals vote)

### Thursday, Dec. 18

- School Committee
- Conservation Commission

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, Dec. 24

- Starting at 12 p.m. -- non-emergency town offices closed and no public meetings.

### Thursday, Dec. 25

- Non-emergency town offices closed and no public meetings.

### Friday, Dec. 26

- Non-emergency town offices closed and no public meetings.

### Wednesday, Dec. 31

- Starting at 2 p.m. -- non-emergency town offices closed and no public meetings.

### Thursday, Jan. 1

- Non-emergency town offices closed and no public meetings.

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## *Community News & Events...*

### PARKS & REC hosts pictures with Santa

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, Parks & Recreation will host Pictures with Santa and a food drive from 5 to 7 p.m. at the The Center at 1 Ice House Rd. This is a ticketed event. [More information is available here.](#) Food donations benefit the Medfield community through distribution efforts of Medfield Food Cupboard.

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### ZULLO HOLIDAY Exhibit Continues

The Zullo Gallery continues its **2025 Holiday Exhibit** featuring more than 100 pieces of artwork from numerous artists. With gift-giving in mind, the pieces are priced between \$25 and \$375. They can be viewed during Zullo openings on Saturdays and Sundays, Noon to 5 p.m. or by appointment. The exhibit can also be [viewed online here.](#)

The Zullo Gallery is one of five primary indoor locations for **Holiday Stroll** hosting numerous artists selling their work.

An **artists reception** for the new exhibit and a holiday party will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 13** from 7 to 9 p.m.

*(Image shown: "Flying High" by Kate Bonanno.)*

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### HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES bring community together *(updated)*

The weekend of **Dec. 5 & 6**, MEMO and Bellforge will team up once again to present holiday-themed events for the community.

Here's a list of key dates for related events:

**Monday, Dec. 1** -- Deadline to enter **gingerbread house contest** to benefit Friends of Medfield Public Library children's room. Houses will be on display during Holiday Stroll. [More info. here.](#)

**Friday, Dec. 5** -- **MEMO Holiday Tree Lighting & "Joy to the World" singing contest**, 6 p.m., Baxter Park

**Friday, Dec. 5** -- **Bellforge Holiday Stroll**, 4 to 8:30 p.m., various downtown locations (with Main Street closed between Rte. 27 and South Street). [View schedule, information on artist sites, food & drink, and activities here.](#)

Highlights include:

- \* More than 40 local artists across five indoor locations;
- \* Food trucks and dining establishments with special offerings; and
- \* Live music, and a variety of activities and other attractions.

*(Pictured: Members of Garden Club. For the Stroll, the club will host a "Holiday Bloom Bar" at United Church of Christ where visitors can build their own arrangement.)*

This year during the Stroll, Main Street/Route 109 will be closed to vehicles between South Street and Route 27.

**Friday, Dec. 5** -- **Dwight-Derby House** will be open with Santa and Mrs. Claus on hand for visitors from 5 to 7:30 p.m.,

**Saturday, Dec. 6** -- **Winter Craft Market**, The Center, 1 Ice House Rd., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 6** -- **MEMO Holiday Parade**, 1 p.m., departing from Medfield High School.

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### **LOWELL MASON House hosts Holiday Concert**

Tickets are now on sale for the **Lowell Mason House Holiday Concert** on **Saturday, Dec. 6** at St. Edward's Church. Featured performers include "Voices of Renaissance" children's chorus from Boston Renaissance Charter Public School, and Medfield community Hallelujah Chorus. A variety of vocalists, instrumentalists and other ensembles will also perform, including selected singers from MEMO's "Joy to the World" event during tree lighting. The Lowell Mason family piano will also have its first holiday concert debut. Featured speaker this year is Maggie Leighton, Miss Teen Massachusetts and a music education advocate. [Concert tickets available here.](#)

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### **ORGANIZERS CONTINUE Angel Run sign-ups**

While early-bird registration for the annual **Medfield Foundation-sponsored festive 5K** on **Sunday, Dec. 7** has ended, [standard online registration is available](#) until 11:59 p.m., on **Sunday, Nov. 23**. Medfield Foundation distributes Angel Run proceeds in partnership with Medfield Outreach to help the local community. Angel Run volunteers are also needed. [More information here.](#)

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### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Library, COA host talk**

Medfield Historical Society, in partnership with Medfield Public Library and Council on Aging, hosts "**Hannah Smith, An Early 19th Century Medfield Girl,**" a **Wednesday, Dec. 10** presentation by Walter McClennen. The talk begins at 5:30 p.m. at The Center, 1 Icehouse Road. McClennen, a local historian specializing in women and minorities, will consider documents written by and to Hannah Smith Draper, a farm girl turned straw hat maker who lived in and near Medfield in 1804 and 1825. Her story depicts the challenges and struggles of women in the early 19th century in this area. The program is free and open to the public, but [reservations are requested here.](#)

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### **TOY DRIVE has multiple town collection sites**

The **U.S. Marine Corps Reserve (USMCR) Toys For Tots** drive is underway with **multiple Medfield collection sites** available. Donations should be **new, unwrapped** and suitable for children up to **age 12**. Corporal Frank Iafolla, USMCR, has hosted Medfield's Toys for Tots donation site for decades. Toys can be brought to his Mark Skin Radio Studio at 63 Frairy St. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment by calling 781-929-0775. Toys for Tots collection boxes are also available in the lobby of Medfield Public Safety Building and at Randy's Automotive Service at 26 Spring St./Route 27. Iafolla's deadline for drop-offs is **Monday, Dec. 15**. Other sites may have different cut-off dates.

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### **PARKS & REC holds Festival of Lights**

On **Friday, Dec. 19**, Parks & Recreation will hold its **Festival of Lights** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Center. This event is [ticketed with more information here](#).

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### **VOLUNTEER FAIR aims to make meaningful matches**

Need volunteers? Interested in volunteering? The 2nd annual Medfield Volunteer Fair seeks to make a match! And **now's the time for [non-profit groups to sign up](#) by Monday, Dec. 1** and take advantage of the **early-bird discount**.

Medfield TV, Sustainable Medfield, Medfield Foundation and *Medfield Insider* have joined forces to organize a **community-wide volunteer fair** once again for 2026. It will be held from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** on **Saturday, Jan. 10** at **St. Edward's Church**, 133 Spring St./Rte. 27, Medfield.

Fair organizers request a small fee (as noted on form), and ask representatives to arrive a little early to set up, and stay a bit longer after the event to take care of breakdown.

Blue Moon will be donating fair refreshments again. Questions about the gathering can be directed to [Katie Duval](#).

**DEADLINE:** Please e-mail community event information to [MedfieldInsider@gmail.com](mailto:MedfieldInsider@gmail.com) by **2 p.m. the Friday prior to publication** each Monday morning. Brief details **in the body of an e-mail** is appreciated, along with a PDF flyer and representative photo. School-related and church events are generally excluded due to the volume that take place during the year.

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### **Medfield Insider -- Past Issues**

[Nov. 24](#) -- MSBA 460, budget stress, Montrose/ConComm, MSH funds, Elm St/Hannah Adams auction  
[Nov. 17](#) -- Elm St. oil leak, landfill reuse planning, ponds survey, Rosebay hearing date, new W-S bills  
[Nov. 10](#) -- Vet's Day, MHS racial incident, Parks Rec update, license-plate reader denial, capital budgets  
[Nov. 3](#) -- Food need, Chase Bank proposal-Shaw's, WC mtg/fiscal challenges, 86 Plain 40B decision  
[Oct. 27](#) -- Letai federal appt., school security, pond survey rpt., Upham House portraits, AHT mtg recap  
[Oct. 20](#) -- Weekend event photos, storm recap, well water issue, IT dollars, list of donation sites, MHA  
[Oct. 13](#) -- Hot dog wagon owner retiring, roundabout delay, MEC update, Hannah Adams auction delay  
[Oct. 6](#) -- Fire Dept. open house w/sprinkler video, bus contract re-bid, town goal revisit, volunteer event  
[Sept. 29](#) -- MedDay pics, MHA commissioner resignation, MSBA enroll #, 86 Plain recap, parcel B walk  
[Sept. 22](#) -- 1st Amendment audit, Hannah Adams auction, drone request, Lemke Planning Bd resignation  
[Sept. 15](#) -- Bubblegum Bob, 375th parade, 86 Plain/40B, school times reaction & enrollment, mtg recaps  
[Sept. 8](#) -- SWAP closing prep, budget planning, Plain St 40B issues, TA newsletter, opioid survey recap  
[Sept. 2\\*](#) -- ADU/40B septic concerns, West Nile Virus alert, school start/SC mtg. recap, Rosebay update  
[Aug. 25](#) -- Lowell Mason family piano, Medfield TV, school changes, SBC/MSBA & committee updates  
[Aug. 18](#) -- MSH Trinity/Bellforge update, Plain St./40B hearing recap, hires-Health Dept-Resch & P&R

[Aug. 11](#) -- MSH PFAS, Plain St. 40B trees, MHA legal agreement, water chestnut issue, new nurse  
[Aug. 4](#) -- Ryder guilty/sentencing, tennis court/Memorial solar/Montrose project, phone ban, Hunt Club  
[July 28](#) -- Community Garden fence, resident lost science fund tracking, ConComm recap, Plain St. 40B  
[July 21](#) -- Water-sewer rate jump, Etzkorn/Fall River fire, LCB history, Medfield TV new staff & projects  
[July 14](#) -- Horse fire help, Citizen Academy & no-solicitor list, Community Mkt, Ryder P&R case, MEC  
[July 7](#) -- Door-to-door sales rules, water restriction, MSH Parcel B debate, 3 town projects underway  
[June 30](#) -- MSH PFAS alert, Zullo bldg closing, Air Wing visit, costly facility/W-S needs, school add-on  
[June 23](#) -- Heat cool off, WBZ firefighter wish, historic site projects, Parcel B SB discussion, legal costs  
[June 16](#) -- Cancelled P&R modular & updates, Hospital Rd. parcel B committee, Health Dept changes  
[June 10](#)\*-- Retiring teachers, updated Rte. 27/West roundabout, MHA Rosebay 40B & annual plan  
[June 2](#) -- Notice of roundabout & 40B hearings; more Trinity review w/town boards, Rte. 109 closure  
[May 26](#) -- Roundabout hearing date, PFAS info & settlement \$, W/S capital needs, grad requirements  
[May 19](#) -- Housing Authority OML/issues, Ryder P&R case, School Choice, Fire Chief SB swearing in  
[May 12](#) -- Services for h.s. senior, Trinity MSH extension, Dale enrollment & MSBA items, COA update  
[May 5](#) -- Town Mtg, Ormberg ethics penalty/school concerns, Hospital Rd Parcel B-SB mtg, TA contract  
[April 28](#) -- Town mtg poll, Oxbow fund, 86 Plain mtg alert, Harding & Parcel B mtg notices, new fire help  
[April 21](#) -- West St/Oxbow Rd fires/help; Asst TA to depart; MSH/Bellforge updates, Town Meeting prep  
[April 14](#) -- Zullo bldg agreement, Parks Rec modular & court update, teacher aide & fire chief contracts  
[April 7](#) -- Town election results, Medfield Day move, teacher aide bargaining, Plain St. 40B, Harry Pritoni  
[March 31, 2025](#) -- Election day, racist writing, new Wheelock principal, Swap/DPW/TA news, Plain St hearing

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